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What is it?

As part of Canada's SchoolNet, Computers for Schools (CFS) provides Canada's schools and libraries with surplus computers and software donated by governments and the private sector. In this way, surplus computers become a valuable resource for increasing Canadians' access to computer technology in a learning environment.

Who's involved?

Industry Minister John Manley challenged governments and the private sector to work together to provide 250 000 computers to Canada's schools and libraries by March 31, 2001. With the extensive help of the Telephone Pioneers, who co-founded the program, computers are collected, refurbished and distributed throughout Canada.

How does it work?

In partnership with the federal government's Youth Employment Strategy and under the Computers for Schools Technical Work Experience Program, youth interns help to repair and refurbish surplus computer equipment that is then delivered to schools

and libraries across Canada. In this way, young people are able to gain valuable on-the-job experience. The Telephone Pioneers and other CFS partners have helped set up over 50 workshops across Canada, where refurbishments are carried out, and this number is continuing to rise.

As of March 31, 1999, over 125 000 computers and 145 000 software packages have been given new life in schools and libraries across Canada.

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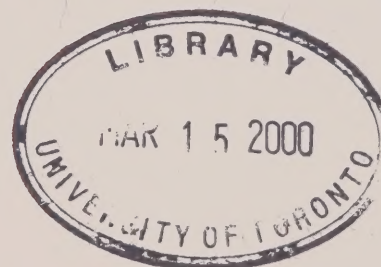
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***Amanda Cotton, Grade 10,
Eaglesham, Alberta***



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